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SUBJECT: FY04 DHRF SUMMARY REPORT - MALAWI

REF: STATE 4389

1. Post submits the following information for Democracy and Human Rights Fund (DHRF) activities in FY03 and FY 04. All activities prior to FY03 have been completed and closed out.

2. FY 03 Projects

Project	Obligated	Unliq. Balance
DHRF-03-612-01	\$15,000	\$4,058
Grantee: Federation of Disability Organizations		
Synopsis: The project is in its final stages, and though it has experienced some delays, has largely been successful. Post expects final liquidation in early 2005. Funding supported the publication of civic education materials and workshops to educate the public on the rights of the disabled.		

DHRF-03-612-02	\$25,000	\$0
Grantee: Malawi Organization for the Rights of Girls		
Synopsis: Funding supported the development of primary school curricula to increase education about human rights and gender issues.		

DHRF-03-612-03	\$25,000	\$20,747
Grantee: Malawi Institute of Journalism		
Synopsis: The project encountered significant obstacles to implementation, including political complications during the presidential campaign period. Post de-obligated the remaining funds in September 2004. The project sought to hold media workshops to strengthen journalists' abilities to accurately report on issues related to the May 2004 elections.		

DHRF-03-612-04	\$10,000	\$0
Grantee: Student's Law Society		
Synopsis: Funding supported mock trials of human rights issues conducted by law students in each district of the country. These trials were open to the public.		

3. FY 04

Project	Obligated	Unliq. Balance
DHRF-04-612-01	\$26,940	\$12,840
Grantee: People Serving Girls at Risk		
Synopsis: Funding is supporting a multi-faceted project to end commercial and sexual exploitation of girls and facilitate development of an inter-ministerial task force to deal with the problem.		

DHRF-04-612-02	\$17,560	\$9,274
Grantee: Malawi Union of the Blind		
Synopsis: Funding is utilized to enable the Braille transcription of Malawi's Constitution. Approximately 2,000 copies are being distributed nationwide, and the machines purchased will also be used to transcribe human rights and other important documents.		

DHRF-04-612-03	\$21,500	\$13,878
Grantee: National Youth Initiative Against Corruption		
Synopsis: Funding is supporting a public awareness campaign on how to recognize and report all levels of corruption. Students and academics will develop draft legislation for whistle-blower's protection.		

DHRF-04-612-04	\$19,000	\$13,059
Grantee: Muslim Welfare Organization		
Synopsis: Funding is supporting an inter-faith civic education campaign to encourage citizens' human rights advocacy.		

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